







Huddle House will provide Maryville with a 24-hour food option, and El Maguey brings another Mexican option. El Maguey is expected to open in April, Huddle House does not yet have an announced date.

# Maryville continues to introduce new restaurants

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Maryville plans to see two new restaurant chains open fairly soon giving locals a wider variety of places to eat.

Huddle House is a 24-hour chain restaurant known for serving any meal anytime, as their slogan advertises. The restaurant El Maguey is a small chain restaurant and serves a variety of Mexican dishes.

Maryville City Manager Gregg McDanel said he is looking forward to the two restaurants opening.

“These restaurants will help benefit the community,” McDanel said. “New restaurants help enrich the Maryville community by giving residents and students a better variety of places to eat. The restaurants also keep community money local and provide employment opportunities.”

Every few years Maryville completes a retail leakage study. The study analyzes the amount of spending that leaves the community. Restaurants tend to be on the high end of the list. By adding more restaurant

options, it helps keep that spending money local.

In order for a restaurants to open in an area, there are certain demographics it has to meet such as population and location. Huddle House and El Maguey both meet the demographics needed to open.

“We target restaurants we think the community needs,” McDanel said. “But we also have to keep in mind what restaurants are more likely to open businesses here.”

In light of the new restaurants opening, there was also talk about

the Mexican restaurant La Bonita closing. McDanel could not confirm that these rumors were true.

Freshman Brent Bledsoe is excited for a better selection of places to eat in Maryville.

“It’s great that Maryville will have more options of places to eat other than pizza,” Bledsoe said.

Junior Mattie Bates is looking forward to having a 24 hour restaurant open in Maryville.

“I’m really excited that there will be better food options late at night,” Bates said.

Sophomore Sophie Venus is excited for the El Maguey to open in Maryville. She said she has been to El Maguey in Gladstone many times.

“It’s a really great restaurant,” Venus said. “The food and service are outstanding.”

The El Maguey will be located on South Main Street where The Mandarin was formerly located. El Maguey is scheduled to open some time in April. The location and opening date for the Huddle House have not been announced.

# University releases new wave of armed intruder training

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Student employees, University staff and faculty will have to complete online armed intruder training

before March 18.

The Office of Human Resources sent an email out detailing new “Secure, Evaluate, Act” and new “Run, Hide, Fight” training programs required for anyone employed by the

University. The online-based training program consists of four different videos. The run, hide and fight principles are split into three separate videos and one video is devoted to “Secure, Evaluate, Act” training.

University Police Chief Clarence Green desires more training for increased preparedness.

“It’s something we have to be adamant about within this armed intruder environment,” Green said. “We’re learning new things every month about the profile and behaviors that can be articulated in reference to an armed intruder. I think it’s always good to improve upon what we’re doing, share that new information we’re getting, and it’s always great to have a reoccurring refresher for people to improve on what they already know.”

The Northwest Online training last approximately 30 minutes with 27 minutes devoted to the four videos and a short test at the end of the last video.

The brevity of the videos coupled with the convenience of the online program was designed to reach a larger audience. Green said he hopes even though students are not required to take the training they would be compelled to.

“I think it’s important for student safety,” Green said. “I think it’s important in the environment we have right now where incidents occur, although they occur at less than a 1 percent chance, I think it’s important for people to know every emergency practice and procedure and preparedness technique that they can get their hands on.”

Sophomore Katherine Lewis said even though the training is not

required, it is still important.

“Intruders happen way too frequently so it’s best to be prepared,” Lewis said.

According to the email, the run, hide and fight videos were tailored after the United States Homeland Security Department’s “Run, Hide, Fight” training program and the city of Houston’s research on responding to a violent intruder. Northwest, headed by University Police Emergency Coordinator Lt. Mike Ceperley, developed the “Secure, Evaluate, Act” video, providing individuals with immediate actions they can take to help ensure their safety.

Several universities have released videos like these. Green said this is because the principles can be applied anywhere at any time.

“I think Secure, Evaluate, Act can be used anywhere you go,” Green said. “If you’re out at a mall or a store and you see something going wrong, or if you’re at a party and you see something is not right, you can apply those same principles.”

Green said the University plans on rolling out live training next year for people wanting more training than the videos offer. As of now, groups and organizations can request customized training from Ceperley, but the University is pushing for hard date sessions next semester. Lewis said she would be interested in this training as long as they keep convenience in mind when scheduling the dates.

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# MHS dance team wins state contest

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The Maryville High School dance team brought home the state trophy for the first time in senior dancer Debielle Patee-Merrill's career.

Patee-Merrill said the MHS dance team has qualified for state competition throughout all four of her dance years, but this is the first year the team has placed.

The competition took place last Friday and Saturday at Kemper Arena in Kansas City.

Patee-Merrill competed with a solo performance Friday evening, but it was the group competitions Saturday that earned the team's honor, placing first in the state in both pom and dance.

"I would like to thank the town for the support. Not only when the team is victorious, but through the years when we haven't been so victorious," Patee-Merrill said.

Dance coach Jessica Piper was also excited for the win because this was her first year coaching. Piper gives credit to her assistant coach Ellie Martin, a student at Northwest Missouri State University, who specializes in choreography.

This was the second year in which Martin worked with the MHS dance team. Piper said Martin's previous year working with the girls played a hand in helping the team come so far.

Patee-Merrill has her own attribution toward the success of the

team.

"...our team really clicked this year," Patee-Merrill said.

She described how the girls' personalities meshed, lending credit to the sound technical abilities of the younger members of the team. She said she looks forward to seeing the younger dancers step up into leadership roles within the team in the coming years and competing in the future.

"Practice with the choreography began in October, with Regional competition taking place at the end of December. By placing in regionals, we qualified for state," Piper said.

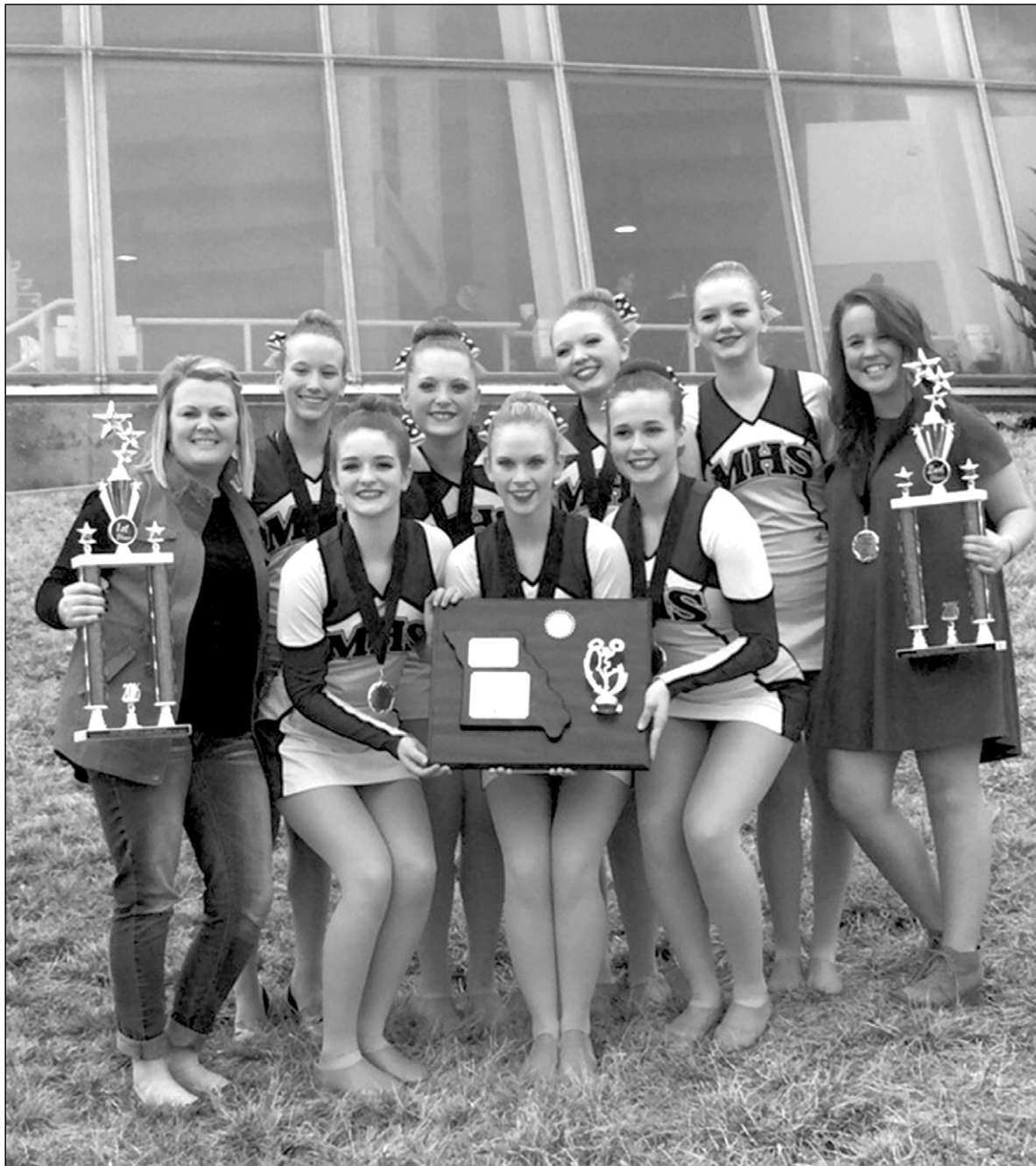
The girls were anxious for the state competition by the time it rolled around in February.

Piper described the competition day and the 19 teams MHS competed against, from schools spanning from all across the state.

"The schools were divided to allow teams of similar sizes compete against each other," Piper said.

The dance team at MHS consisted solely of female performers, but males are allowed to be a part of dance teams. Piper says the MHS team competed against a team with a male member.

Piper was happy to announce MHS's fiercest rival, Bishop LeBlond High School, located in St. Joseph, took home second place.



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Maryville Dazzlers brought back a state championship title for the first time in the school's history Feb. 20.

## New coffee establishment coming to Maryville Hy-Vee

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Maryville Hy-Vee supermarket will be opening a new Starbucks kiosk within the store.

According to Store Director Chris Wiltfong, the local Hy-Vee has been discussing this with Starbucks' corporate office for the past two to three years.

The only Starbucks in Maryville is located on the Northwest Missouri State University campus inside the B.D. Owens Library.

"I know we have one on campus which is great, but I think for the folks who can't get to campus this will be a good alternative. We felt there was a need in Maryville when we started working with Starbucks. We wanted to try and find a footprint

within our store that would work. So after two years of back and forth, so to speak, we found the solution," Wiltfong said.

The new Starbucks is expected to provide a variety of coffee flavors at all times that fast food restaurants cannot.

"The time for you to drink coffee is no longer when you wake up. I mean, there are folks who are drinking coffee in the middle of the day, cold coffee, lattes, tea is a big deal right now. I know Starbucks has a lineup of that right now. It's an all-day drink. Really, we're hoping it does attract folks for a really good coffee, but also attracts them to our store," Wiltfong said.

Wiltfong emphasized how the new Starbucks will be an addition, and Hy-Vee will not be removing any other aspects to make room. The

Caribou Coffee will still be open for those who want to pour their own cup. All natural food departments, custom meat counters, pharmacy and the in-store dietician are expected to stay.

The Starbucks counter will be supervised by Hy-Vee's current assistant gas station manager, Joni Voss. Wiltfong added that the coffee shop will require two full-time positions and several employees for part time.

Already non-campus residents are excited for the new Starbucks opening inside the Hy-Vee.

"I have friends with fairly strict standards of coffee drinking. They will be very happy with the new Starbucks opening. I like a good latte, so I will buy some Starbucks," Jeffrey Loomis, Ph.D. said.

Even Northwest's college stu-

dents shared some enthusiasm about the upcoming coffee kiosk.

"I'm sure a new Starbucks is wonderful for non-residents and locals from Maryville. They can now get coffee without going on campus. And they can go grocery shopping too. It's also a great boost for the economy in the area," freshman Scout Montgomery said.

The Starbucks will officially open March 21 at South Main Street. The stand will be open seven days a

week from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Wiltfong mentioned that while Northwest students will be away for spring break on the opening date, Hy-Vee will have promotional items waiting for the college students when they come back.

This will be another Starbucks opening on a growing list. As of 2015, there are 12,500 Starbucks across the country, with that number doubled internationally. The very first Starbucks was opened in 1971.

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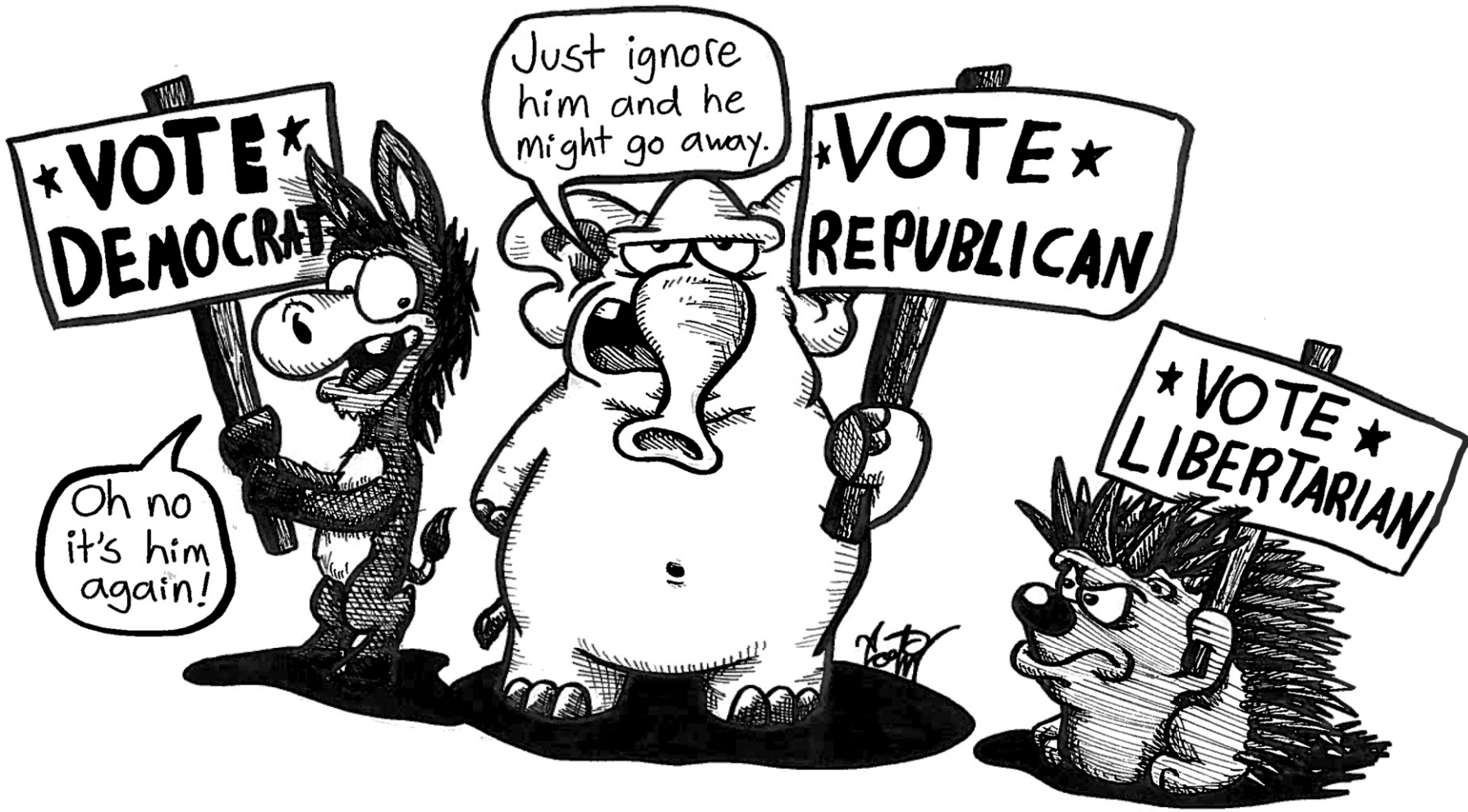
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# A look at the race for president thus far



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With Super Tuesday March 1, we got a new look into the presidential race that will essentially show the voters who will represent their party.

Democrats should expect to see Hillary Clinton represent them. While it hurts me to say it, we can see that Bernie Sanders is nearly mathematically eliminated.

As it stands, Clinton is the projected winner for the Democratic nomination. Some of her big stances include taking a stand for stricter gun laws, rights and freedoms for all, lowering the cost of college, women’s rights and affordable healthcare with more paid leave.

While these are all great ideas and good plans, I can not help but think, is she willing to strongly fight for all of this? Or does she say what she thinks people want to hear?

As a strong Sanders supporter, I will not give up hope on Sanders pulling a miracle and winning the nomination. While he faces less issues than Clinton, the ideas he proposes are sincere and guarantee to help the people who need it most.

In the end, what we need to look at is the fact that Donald Trump is the leading candidate for the Republicans. Ted Cruz comes in second place with support after winning Texas on Super Tuesday. We are looking at a nomination that will include Trump and Clinton.

The saving grace we have here is the fact that no one in their right mind

with an education can support Trump. While Clinton has her downfalls, we can all agree she is easy to support when facing off against Trump.

Democrats now have to overcome the obstacle that will inevitably be brought to the table when Clinton gets a step closer. We will be sure to hear about the scandals with Bill Clinton and how she is not the right choice because of her association to her husband.

Hillary has been in politics for a very long time now. She knows what she is doing and she knows how to deal with problems she may face in the White House.

She is not perfect, she is not the greatest choice for candidate, but in the end it would be her over Trump any day.

One thing strong Sanders supporters can look to is a possible independent bid. While it is highly unlikely that he would run as a third party candidate, the third party is still something to watch as we make our way closer to a Democratic nominee.

If you are a Democrat but not a Clinton supporter, you should definitely look for the third party and see which candidate will run for that. Whether it is Bernie Sanders or Mayor Michael Bloomberg, we can guarantee that third party candidate is better than any candidate in the Republican Party today.

Democrats think this year will be easy, but if we are not careful and we refuse to support Hillary, we can see the nation in shambles as Trump reigns with an iron fist.

If Sanders is not going to make it past this point in the election, we can count on Hillary or the third party candidate we hope for more than we can count on Trump or any other Republican candidate.



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The Republican Party has gone through many changes since candidates announced their bid for the White House. After the Iowa Caucus, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada primaries, candidates have dropped like flies. Super Tuesday has come to a close and has actually brought a few surprises.

Donald Trump won Alabama, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Virginia, keeping him in the lead. However, Ted Cruz won his home state of Texas, which was the big prize state of the night, and also won Oklahoma.

Being a conservative, this really scares me. I am not a fan of Cruz, but I would rather have him as the nominee over Trump any day. I would love to see Cruz and Rubio run together, especially since Rubio has gained many big endorsements including South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley.

This would be the first time in history that America would have a Hispanic president and vice president. Marco Rubio is the only hope for the Republican Party to win against Hillary Clinton. Rubio is moderate but leans right, respecting other religions and beliefs.

Cruz shocked the nation when he won the Iowa Caucus this February. Cruz is an evangelical Christian who is very proud of his beliefs. Don’t get me wrong, I think it’s great to be very involved with your religion, but that shouldn’t be your platform to win votes. Another problem I have with Cruz is wanting to abolish the IRS, which is nearly impossible. A pro for sure, though, is Cruz’s promise to end

the Iran deal.

While at the Iowa Caucus, I was able to cover Rubio’s campaign rally and his celebration ceremony in Des Moines. Rubio actually stayed for over two hours to take pictures and sign autographs. Rubio has a strong plan to strengthen small businesses to help make the community prosper. I also love how Rubio wants to help reform the VA, giving it better benefits.

“God has blessed us with some amazing young men and women willing to risk their lives and sometimes die in uniform, for the safety and security of our people,” Rubio said.

Also, can we just talk about how great the Rubio family would be in the White House? Rubio has brought his four kids and his wife along to campaign with him. The Rubio family is the typical All-American family.

Another candidate who would do a great job would be John Kasich. Kasich has behaved so well during the debates in hope to help the candidates on stage state their objectives. The Ohio governor has set an all-time record high for approval rating as the governor of the state of Ohio. Not only has Kasich done well in Ohio, he also did a great job balancing our nation’s budget.

The issue with Kasich is, he plays it safe. It seems as if America pays more attention to scandal than the genuine candidate. It also doesn’t help that Kasich was the 16th Republican who announced his candidacy when Americans were already focused on Trump, Rubio, and Cruz.

If Trump becomes the winner of the Republican Party, I honestly don’t know what I would do. I would never vote Democrat, but I just don’t know how I could vote for someone who discriminates against so many minorities coming from a Hispanic background. Clinton and Trump are predicted to win the party nominees. All I can say is get it together America.

## OUR VIEW: University blotters now include student names

For the last couple of months, we at the Missourian have been seeking answers for the lack of names in university blotters.

The most recent blotters we have gotten from the university have included some names of students, and we are grateful that we have finally received what we have been asking for.

Last semester we took this issue to university officials who stated these names were protected under the family educational rights and privacy act (FERPA).

However, Title 20 USC Sec-

tion 1232 Subsection (a) (4) (B) (II) states, “records maintained by a law enforcement unit of the educational agency or institution that were created by that law enforcement unit...” essentially saying criminal records are public records and not protected.

Frank LoMonte from the Student Press Law Center has backed us in this endeavor and tweeted at us saying, “Congress excluded police records from FERPA in 1992, but nobody ever said @NWMOSTATE was run by fast learners.”

We wanted to make these changes to benefit our university, we do not believe the notion that they are “just kids and can’t be punished for a silly college mistake.”

We saw a terrorist threat in the university blotter that went unnoticed. For several weeks we saw relationship violence in the blotter with no names and possibly no resolution.

These are not minor mistakes that we can overlook by saying that kids will make mistakes.

We are old enough to know what is wrong and what is right, and if we

choose to do what is wrong, we are choosing to do so knowing that there are consequences for our actions.

We are very happy that the university has worked with us on this issue and has decided to open up and change. We are very happy to see the changes made and we can head forward in this.

While we are happy to see the changes being made right now, we want to know why there were only a few names.

We have been told last semester that liquor law violations do not

technically count as a crime, but more as a university violation. We want to know why this will not be counted as a law or why we can not get the names.

This is a big step for us and we are very happy to be able to put the names in the paper like we have been asking. But there is still some work, there are still names needing to be included.

The only names we have yet to receive are the liquor law violations. We now want to know why these names are being withheld.



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Founded at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1925, APO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with international headquarters located in Independence, Missouri.

“Our re-chartering process began nearly three years ago with the hopes of bringing an active Alpha Phi Omega chapter back to Northwest Missouri State University after the original Beta Upsilon chapter folded nearly 30 years prior,” Public Relations Officer Blake Bush said.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national, coeducational service organization founded on the principles of leadership, friendship and service. The Beta Upsilon chapter volunteered many hours of charitable work around the Northwest and Maryville community.

“I am incredibly proud to see the progress our group has made. Over the course of only a few years, we have become a family, with an overwhelming passion to give back to the community and help others,” Bush said.

Nationally, the fraternity leads as an organization that promotes volunteer work in the community. The Beta Upsilon chapter has strived in the Maryville community by being involved in many service projects. What stands out about the organization is the diversity and bonding between each member.



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Northwest welcomes the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity back after a 30 year hiatus. Alpha Phi Omega is a co-educational service fraternity.

“One of the best things about Alpha Phi Omega is we are an inclusive group and co-ed. This really helps us foster relationships with a lot of people, not just members, but through the community too. We started off doing small service projects that made a difference, like picking up trash in the park, helping

clean the Rose Theater, volunteering for the Career Fair at the Missouri Job Center in Maryville,” Rodriguez said.

While giving back to the community, the members of the Beta Upsilon chapter have been able to build a stronger bond amongst each other. The legacy of Alpha Phi Omega

has already begun but is nowhere near coming to an end.

“We have worked with a number of local organizations, including the New Nodaway Humane Society, Student Activities Council, Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation, and Missouri Hope, and we hope to work with even more in the

future. Our journey in service to others has only just begun,” Bush said.

The organization holds meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 2900 of Colden Hall.

Any Northwest student who is interested in volunteer work opportunities is allowed to become a member.

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A legal surcharge of \$100 must be paid for petitions for expungement of criminal records.

Dixon’s bill SB 451 raises the charge to \$500 and provides that the judge may waive the surcharge if the petitioner is indigent.

This act also would allow a person to file a petition only three years after receiving a misdemeanor, ordinance violation or infraction. Those wishing to petition to expunge guilt for a felony would have to wait five years.

Missourinet provides Sen. Bob Onder’s dialogue on the cost of an application fee.

“I don’t think this is a group of folks we need to be making a lot of money on or taxing,” Onder said. “If the state broke even on this, we’d more than benefit by the increased productivity of the people allowed to get jobs and better their liveli-

hoods under this.”

Missouri Sen. Jamilah Nasheed sponsored legislation to expunge non-violent criminal records. Senate bill 310 mirrors what the other two bills aimed to change in Missouri. The time required to wait to send in a petition is listed at five years for any misdemeanor or felony. This also demands the person has not had any other petition for expungement granted under the provisions of the act.

Clarence Green, Chief of Police, believes these bills have potential.

“On the surface it seems to be something that perhaps noble to do, research, think about and probably even enact,” Green said. “I think folks who’ve got a knock against them early on in life, really kept a clean slate for a period of time as well as went the process of expungement, and were cleared from there makes me think it could happen.”

The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence has not voted on the three proposals yet.

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He considered the event successful even though the expected attendance was not entirely reached. Interactions between attendees and instructors were more personal, making it easier for participants to get answers to questions. A Northwest news release captures Powell’s distinct position on the event.

“Many similar programs focus on young women fresh out of high school or college, but what makes our program unique is that we are focusing on women who have been out of school and are looking to make a change in their lives.”

Powell gained worthwhile experience from structuring an event like this.

“Hosting this event provided me the opportunity to refine my communication skills and to grow as a person by forcing me to step outside of my comfort zone,” Powell said. “I also learned to take a loss and move on, don’t get stuck on a little thing, but instead look for another option that might prove to be even better.”

Time and frustration played a part in the events formation, but the Enactus Group pushed through these obstacles to create something meaningful.

Powell’s outlook on Enactus showed itself positive especially after the events proceedings.

“I’ve definitely enjoyed my time with Enactus.

If you had asked me during the insane two weeks leading up to our seminar, I may have told you otherwise, but looking back on it, I can see just how much I learned and how being in Enactus, especially in a leadership position, gave me new experiences and skills,” Powell said.

“Enactus helps foster meaningful opportunities for learning and exchange among the participants as well as the placement of students and alumni with companies in search of emerging talent,” as listed on Northwest’s website.

Enactus prove the importance and advantages to community involvement in University organizations through seminal community service and engagement.

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However, Clinton won the Iowa Caucus by having three more delegates than Sanders, winning a few districts due to a coin toss.

“I’ve heard that she is not very trustworthy. Clinton has had multiple scandals especially with Benghazi and could possibly face indictment. I honestly don’t know who I would choose,” Horan said.

Next New Hampshire came around with Sanders winning by a landslide against Clinton, but the Democrat party has “Super Delegates” that Clinton won, leaving Sanders with hardly any hope especially since Clinton won South Carolina and Nevada.

Trump will most likely secure the Republican Party’s nomination if he wins a majority of the delegates Tuesday, which is likely to happen.

Cruz won the Iowa Caucus with Trump coming in second.

Trump then went on to win New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada by over 10 percentage points making it nearly impossible for a Republican candidate to come out on top.

“I think Trump is not a great representative due to his arrogance. Our country has done a better job moving forward in diversity and acceptance and he would reverse it,” freshman Sierra Horan said.

The big prize from Tuesday was Texas with 155 delegates on

the Republican side. Cruz finished first place with Trump in second.

Even if Cruz won the Lone Star state, he still would not have a chance up against Trump.

Sander’s has reached out to the voters aged 18-25, making him the favorite amongst millennials.

However, the age division is simply not enough compared to Clinton’s super delegates, making it impossible for her to lose.

After Super Tuesday, Donald

Trump remains in first place for the Republican Party with 319 delegates. Ted Cruz surprised the country in a steady second place winning Texas, Oklahoma, and Alaska with Rubio finishing third winning Minnesota.

Hillary Clinton continued to dominate by winning seven states and 595 delegates.

The outcome so far seems to be Donald Trump representing the Republicans and Hillary Clinton for the Democrats.

Blotters for the week of March 3

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**Feb. 13**  
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 600 block South Dewey.

**Feb. 20**  
A summons has been issued to **Justin A. Wilmes**, 17, for possession of marijuana at the 3100 block East First Street.

A summons has been issued to **Joshua C. Barman**, 17, for possession of marijuana at the 3100 block East First Street.

A summons has been issued to **Erin M. Colvin**, 17, for possession of marijuana and minor in possession at the 3100 block

East First Street.

**Feb. 23**  
A summons has been issued to **Tammy K. Grout**, 43, for code violation at the 600 block East Third Street.

**Feb. 24**  
A summons has been issued to **Padrick T. Wennihan**, 24, for a barking dog at the 500 block South Buchanan.

A summons has been issued to **Tanesha M. Maddox**, 19, for possession of marijuana at the 1100 block South Main.

A summons has been issued to **Desiree B. Agne**, 18, for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1100 block South Main.

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**Feb. 18**  
A summons has been issued for three liquor law violations at Franken Hall.

**Feb. 19**  
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the Fine Arts building.

**Feb. 20**  
A summons has been issued for two liquor law violations at Milikan Hall.

A summons has been issued to **Brandon Bauer** for trespassing at the Ron Houston Center.

**Feb. 21**  
A summons has been issued for liquor law violation at Dieterich Hall.  
A summons has been issued for liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

**Feb. 23**  
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing outside of the Student Union.

**Feb. 25**  
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at an unknown location.

**Feb. 25**  
A summons has been issued to **Ashley G. Young**, 20, Raytown, for minor in possession at the 400 block of West Fourth Street.

A summons was issued to **Ryan D. Burrows**, 20, Gilman, for minor in possession at the 400 block of West Fourth Street.

A summons was issued to **Mica K. Carnoali**, 20, Lee’s Summit, for minor in possession and possession of a fake I.D. at the 400 block West Fourth Street.

**Feb. 27**  
There is an ongoing investigation for harassment at the 200 block East Third Street.

**Feb. 26**  
A summons has been issued to **Tydarius Griffin** for failure to appear warrant at College Park Drive.

**Feb. 27**  
A summons has been issued to **Anthony Ealy** for driving while intoxicated at Lot 27.

A summons has been issued for five liquor law violations at Roberta Hall.

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A summons has been issued for a liquor law violation at Dieterich Hall.

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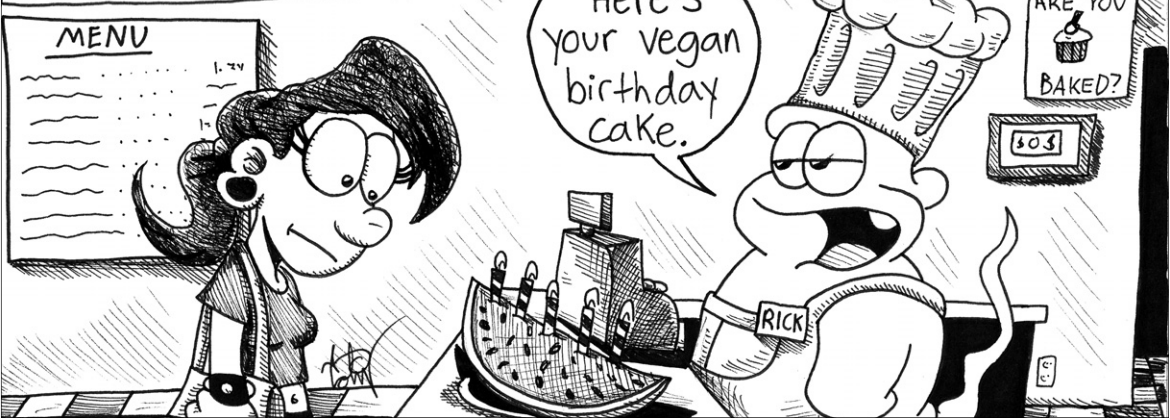
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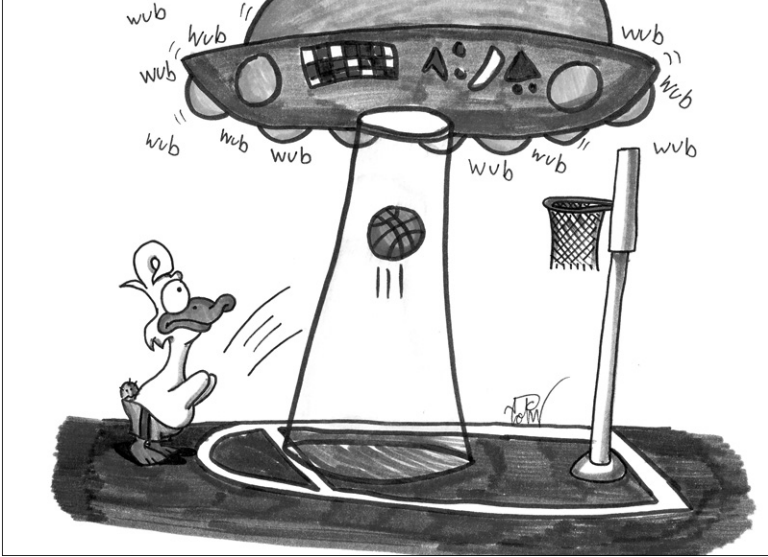
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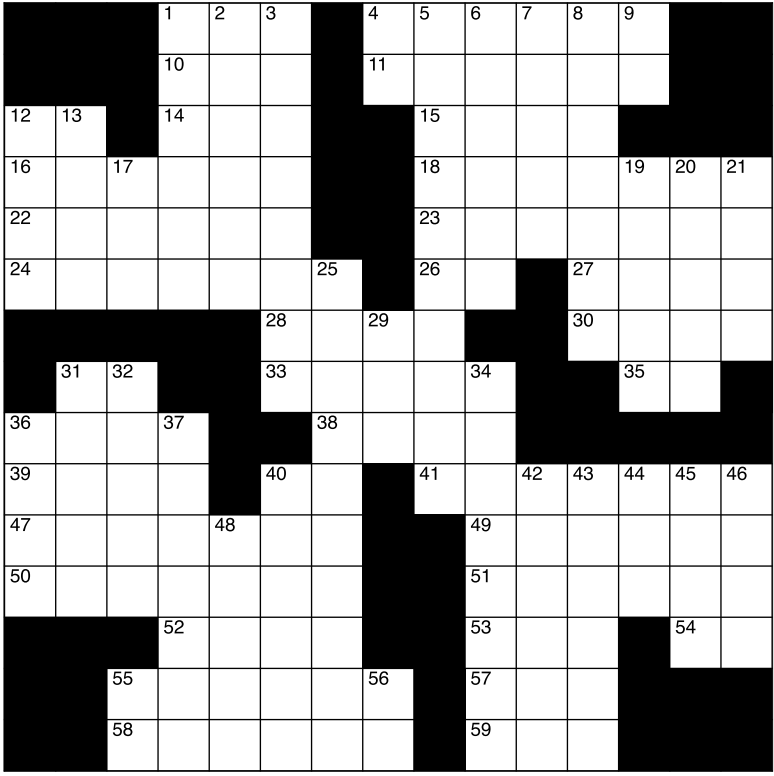
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#### Clues Across

- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Climbed over
- Has 50 states
- Able to move
- Prime Minister (abbr.)
- Cotangent (abbr.)
- Particle
- Fastened
- Wonders
- Surpassing all others
- Provides basement access
- Daily
- North Dakota
- Related to gulls
- Provoke
- Lake \_\_, one of the Great
- Police department
- Throat illness
- South Dakota
- Contains iron (Brit.)
- Sees what the future holds
- The extended location of something
- Cobalt
- Dwells
- Reprimand
- Agree to a demand
- Talented in or devoted to music
- Gospels
- European defense organization (abbr.)
- Edge of a cloth
- Equally
- Experience again
- Female sheep
- Made vanish
- Unit of force (abbr.)

#### Clues Down

- \_\_ up
- Rear of (nautical)
- Purses
- Samarium
- A way to take forcibly
- On or into
- Metric capacity unit (Brit.)
- Assign to a higher position
- Delaware
- Post-traumatic stress



- disorder
13. Island
17. Central processing unit
19. Pitchers
20. Long-winged member of the gull family
21. Auld lang \_\_, good old days
25. Term of affection
29. They \_\_
31. Polynesian wrapped skirt
32. Far down areas in the sea
34. Delivered a sermon
36. Any physical damage
37. A Seattle ballplayer
40. Raccoonlike animals
42. Odd
43. Delivery boys
44. Billy \_\_ Williams
45. Icelandic poems
46. A Scottish tax

48. Central Florida city
55. Rhenium
56. \_\_, denotes past

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By MetroCreative

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# “You would have to be half-mad to dream me up”

JAMES HILL  
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

A cast of six led by senior director Jake Thomsen brought Lewis Carroll’s “Alice in Wonderland” to life.

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts put on “Alice in Wonderland” Friday Feb .26 and Saturday Feb. 27 at the Studio Theater.

The small theater was pitch black as a spotlight focused on Alice, played by junior Allison Nissley, tumbling down the rabbit hole down to Wonderland. Nissley was held up and rotated by three fellow actors.

Actors sophomore Cordel Fonfara, senior Ashley B. Reynolds, junior Keturah Robinson, sophomore Shawn Murphy and junior Megan Oliver continually switched from character to character. Each role they assumed had a different accent and was completely unique. The Cheshire Cat was mischievous as ever while the White Knight was ridiculous and poetic even though Murphy portrayed them both.

“I kept an open mind and used my imagination to picture every scene,” spectator freshman Phil Simmons said after watching the play.

The actors worked together to portray The Blue Caterpillar. One actor spoke the lines while the others acted as one to show his body. They moved in unison as the caterpillar delivered his short sentences and confusing questions.

“Further along in the process, once the other actors developed their

characters more clearly, they began to become distinctly different from one another,” Nissley said. “Our production also involved masks as part of the other actors’ costumes, and I think that the use of those really helped distinguish the separate characters from one another, which helped both the actor playing that part and me interacting with them as well.”

“Alice in Wonderland” is a story of human growth.

“Her journey is about discovering herself,” Thomsen said. “(Alice is) too focused on what is behind her to see what is in front of her.”

Nissley notices the changes in Alice during her time in Wonderland.

“Alice definitely grows a great deal throughout the play. At the beginning of the play, her childish nature causes her to do things such as throw temper tantrums, play pretend with her new friends, and pout when she doesn’t like something,” Nissley said. “As the play goes, on she matures in many different ways from her understanding to what’s happening, to the situations she has to face, to her demeanor and attitude toward circumstances and other people.”

Thomsen adapted his abstract version of “Alice in Wonderland” from the Manhattan Project led by Andre Gregory. Gregory formed his version by having the actors perform improvisation for months. Gregory told the actors to create Wonderland as though they were “...a group of children limited to a padded cell.”

Actors used their own bodies to



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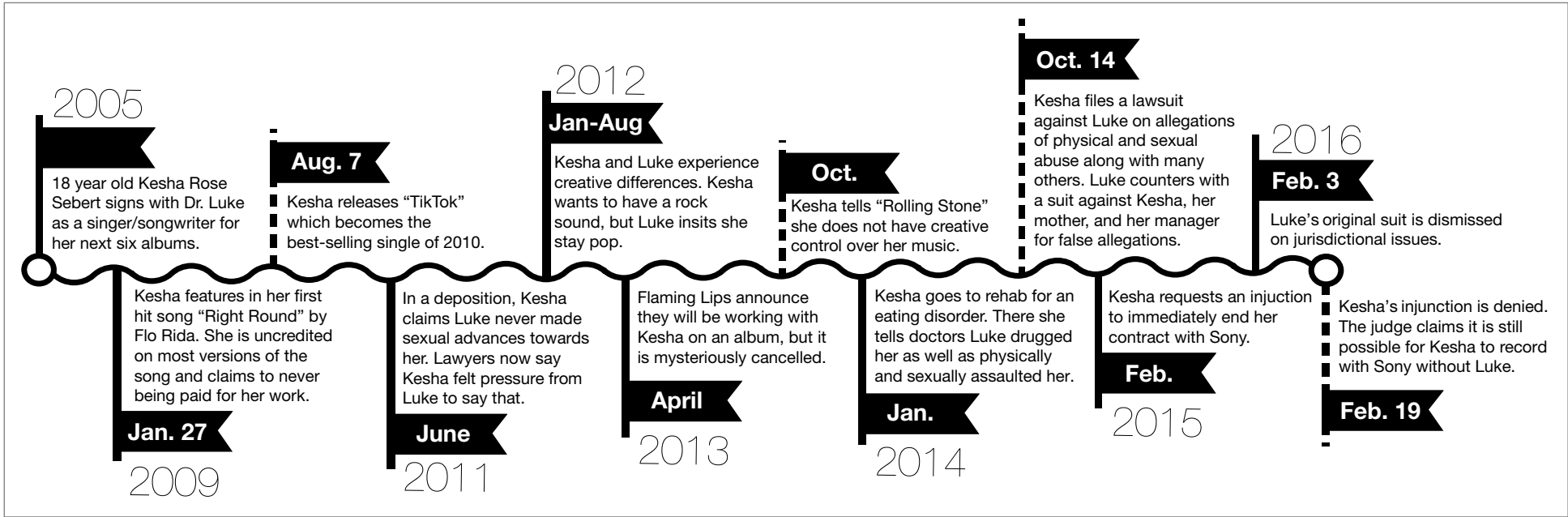
Allison Nissley plays the role of Alice in this scene. The play was performed abstractly with actors portraying multiple roles.

create the caterpillar and his mushroom. They stacked chairs to form towers. The actors also inflated and shrank themselves to best represent

the original story.

If “Alice in Wonderland” left an unsatisfiable itch for theater, students will have to wait until April to

curb it. “Legally Blonde: The Musical” is being shown April 7-9 and is directed by assistant professor Kathryn Bilbo.



# Judge ruling leaves Kesha in contract with abuser

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Feb. 19, 2016 a judge ruled against Kesha in her case against music producer Dr. Luke.

Kesha was seeking a preliminary injunction releasing her from her contract with her producer and allowing her to record other music elsewhere.

In her lawsuit filed in October 2014, Kesha said she was “sexually, physically, verbally and emotionally abused” for nearly 10 years by Dr. Luke, starting when she signed on with his Kemosabe Records label (a subsidiary of Sony) in 2005 at age 18.

Kesha had to meet a high demand in her preliminary ruling. She was not proving the legitimacy of her assault claims, although this is a major issue in the case. She was not going after the actual man she is accusing of raping her.

I believe this was her downfall in the case. If she would have gone after the rape case she may have actually won and been able to null and void her contract. Rather, she had to show not being awarded the injunction would cause her permanent harm, keeping her career on thin

ice to avoid working with her alleged rapist.

Dr. Luke told the court he would allow Kesha to record albums for Sony without him. I believe this still is not good enough. This man sexually abused her and this label is doing nothing about it.

Although the court more or less sided with Dr. Luke, adding an injunction would be a major hit to Sony if she had one. This is a to save face for the company. Sony backing Dr. Luke makes me not want to buy their products or content.

Backing a company that repetitively have backed producers that have abused female artists is not something I want to be associated with.

Dr. Luke said Kesha’s claims of abuse are false. Earlier he denied raping her, tweeting “I didn’t rape Kesha and I have never had sex with her. Kesha and I were friends for many years and she was like my little sister.”

According to him, she was extraordinarily grateful for his work until she and her mother got greedy and started accusing him of rape to get out of the contract.

I cannot see a woman being grateful for overworking them. Crying rape isn’t something taken lightly and Kesha saying this has

sparked something in the music industry.

Other female artists are now speaking out on Kesha’s behalf including Demi Lovato, Ariana Grande, Lady Gaga, and Kelly Clarkson, who have all previously worked with Dr. Luke and agree they had nothing nice to say about him.

Kesha remains in an awful situation, stuck in a contract with a man she said raped and abused her, within a company that she said looked the other way. Sony seems to not care, doing nothing about an employee suspected of sexual violence.

This is not the first time the music industry has been under scrutiny for abuse. In 2009 Chris Brown was charged was two accounts of felony assault against his girlfriend and fellow musician Rihanna. Brown faced little to no jail time and continues to top the charts.

Zayne decided he wanted to leave One Direction because he was unhappy and wanted to create his own music. There were no questions asked and the music label let him go. When Kesha wants to leave for rape allegations there is a court case. This is what is wrong with society. Often times women are seen as objects of sex and not as humans.

Lady Gaga performed her latest hit “Til It

Happens To You” at the 88th annual Academy Awards Sunday, Feb. 28, and brought survivors of sexual assault to the stage. A Snapchat video was later released of Gaga kissing Kesha on the cheek and telling her she supported her in her fight.

This is amazing but until everyone in the music industry has zero tolerance for sexual harassment then Dr. Luke and others like him will continue to be allowed to abuse female artist and nothing will be done about it. They know they can win a case against rape.

According to the FBI Crime Reports, only two out of every 100 cases actually leading to a felony conviction.

Kesha made a very emotional Facebook post Feb. 24.

“I’m so, so beyond humbled and thankful for all of the support I’ve received from everyone. Words cannot really express the emotions I’ve gone through reading and seeing how amazing everyone has been to me. I can’t believe that so many people all over the world took the time to show me support and love. Other entertainers who knowingly put their own careers at stake by supporting me, I will be forever grateful,” Kesha said.

# The gnome of Wister

a short story by James Christensen

The bluegoning of Mrs. McGregor’s gnome was the first serious crime on Wisteria Lane. Nobody knows who attacked the little blue creature of the forest, but one thing is for sure, the attacker would not escape justice.

I arrived on the scene shortly after Mrs. McGregor screamed. I was working in my garden weeding the tomatoes. When I arrived, the poor

little gnome was in a thousand little pieces, the murder weapon laying right next to the victim. I wondered who would do such a thing.

Mrs. McGregor’s gnomes were a pillar of the community and a great pride to everyone that called Wisteria Lane home. Upon arrival at the crime scene, I noticed a few things that just struck me as odd. The shovel was a trowel with a bright green

handle. I had one just like it only it was blue.

As I spoke to Mrs. McGregor, I got a better idea of what had happened. Mrs. McGregor was sitting in her living room watching her favorite show “The Days of Our Lives” when she heard a giant crash outside her door. Thinking it was her cat, Mr. McGregor, she got up and went to let him in. As she walked

to the door, she saw Mr. McGregor bathing in the sunlight in the dining room. When she opened the door, she saw a figure run away in a flash of black.

As I thought about her prized gnome, I realized who the attacker was. It was Mrs. Korie Jones. Korie was wearing a black cardigan with a light green button up shirt and had sweat brimming over black glass-

es. She had a whole sense of guilt around her.

As I walked towards her she began to cry. She later told me that she didn’t mean to destroy the gnome but only take the prized Asian lily in the front yard flower bed.

So I went back to my garden after solving another case on Wisteria Lane. It was quite easy to solve, the trowel had Jones on the handle.



# Students can escape boredom with Encryption

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College students rejoice: Maryville will soon have a new exciting entertainment pastime besides barhopping or bowling.

Encryption Escape Experience of Maryville will be a new business located on 422 N. Main St. Encryption will create an experience similar to Breakout KC, where participants must work together to escape from a specified room.

Co-owners Dee Dino, who works in the Office of Student Involvement, and Jeremy Baumli saw the need for more entertainment in the area and jumped at the opportunity to bring a unique addition to town.

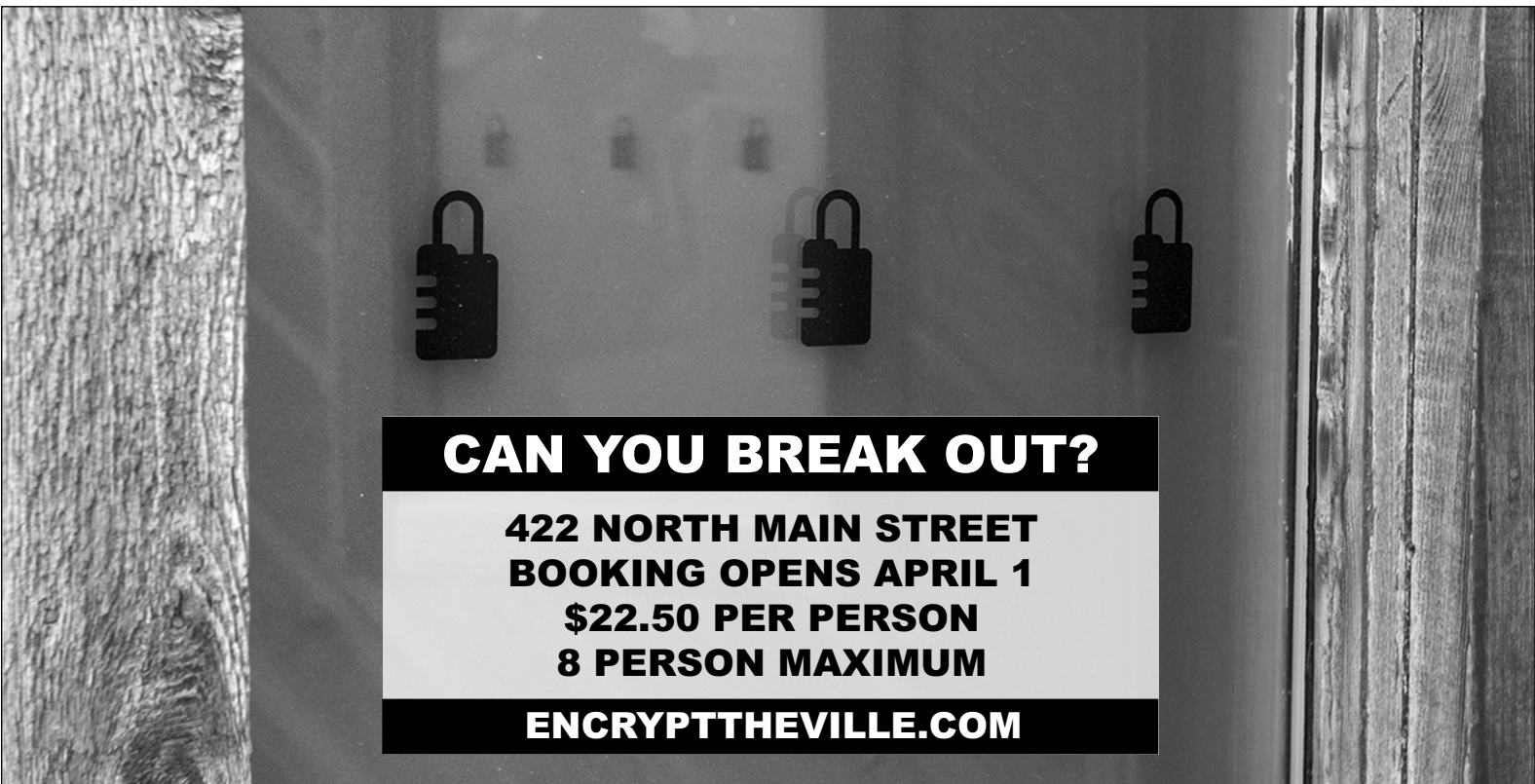
“We felt that northwest Missouri would really embrace the idea,” Dino said. “It would be a fun business to put together, giving us the opportunity to draw on our creative side.”

With very few entertainment options in Maryville, Encryption is an exciting new option. Located next to Benelli’s, it is easily accessible.

Senior Bearcat and Kansas City native Nicki Grant is ready to see more entertainment options reach the Maryville area.

“I know that there are places like it in KC and a few people I know have been to those, so I am excited that there will be one locally,” Grant said. “Being a small college town, there’s only so many things to do entertainment wise and I think this will really bring more activity and entertainment to the students that live here.”

Groups of eight will enter the experience room with the likelihood



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A new attraction is coming to Main Street this April. Participants at Encryption will have one hour to escape a room of riddles and puzzles.

of being teamed up with strangers. Baumli and Dino say this is all just part of the fun.

“The group dynamic is part of the fun. Learning to work with others, particularly others you don’t already know, will give you the competitive advantage,” Dino said. “You don’t know it all, and the guy next to you may have valuable experience that helps you solve the mystery.”

Businesses and executive teams will also have the option to book a

leadership retreat. This would allow coworkers and management to use the escape rooms to build and analyze their leadership skills. Footage would be available for a closer look at their ability to work as a team.

Encryption will open its doors April 1. The entertainment company books exclusively on the website [encrypttheville.com](http://encrypttheville.com) and costs \$22.50 per participant.

The operation hours are Friday evenings and all day Saturday.

Walk-ins are welcome, but booking online is the only way to ensure your escape experience.

Each session will allow 60 minutes to participants to escape before they are released on the time limitation.

The first escape room is called Fool’s Gold and is available for booking now. Fool’s Gold’s description from the Encryption website gives a look into what experience the room will provide, “Visit the

bank for a business meeting, and get more than you bargained for.”

Experience rooms will be reimaged approximately every three months. One of the upcoming experiences include a Halloween themed room.

Encryption is also open to public suggestions for themes. Those who provide winning themes will get the chance to join team Encryption and have a free escape room experience.

# Players are primed for Ubisoft’s newest release

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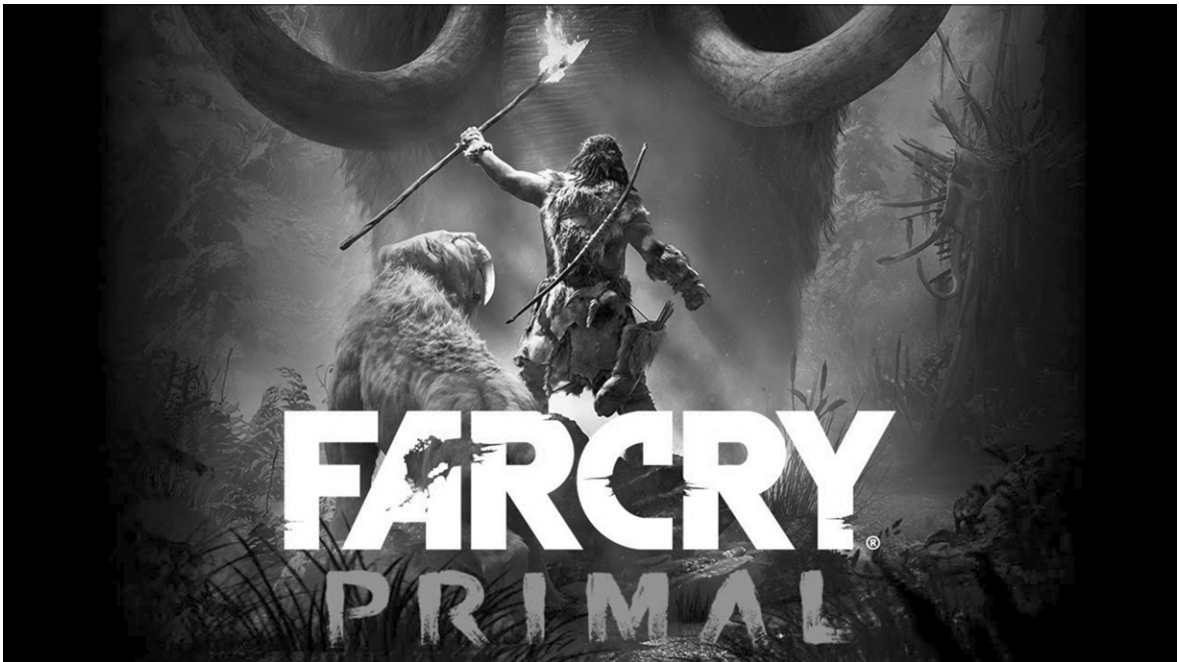
Few challenges provide the same raw adrenaline rush as running from a car-sized cat with fangs big enough to pop one’s skull open like a sardine-can and Ubisoft’s new title dives into relatively unexplored territory by doing just that.

Far Cry Primal, released last Tuesday, delves into a realm rarely explored by video game developers. Primal puts players into the distant past of prehistory during a time when man roamed alongside mammoths and saber-toothed cats. Gamers must master an ancient, open-world terrain in order to survive against such odds.

True to the time period, Ubisoft’s latest title presents a new challenge by forcing the character to craft their own weapons from materials found in game. Primal also allows gamers the option of taming wild beasts such as saber-toothed cats, wolves and bears to use as combat support during the game.

Developers faced a big challenge to set up a prehistoric setting.

The few video game titles that explored prehistory simply could not offer an authentic experience due to technology constraints. The Far Cry series makes a point of pitting players against the elements as the player’s character transforms from the prey into the predator. According to Ubisoft Toronto Narrative Director Jean-Sebastien Decant, delivering the experience remains murky due to all the unknowns.



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Despite the predicted success, preorder sales for Fry Cry Primal were not enough host a midnight release in Maryville.

“All the organic remains have disappeared. Did they use leather? We don’t know. Were they using wood? We don’t know. What remains are rocks and bones, so for me it was very interesting because we had great grey areas in which we could dive into,” Decant said in a behind-the-scenes development video uploaded to IGN Oct. 5, 2015.

Jordan McCrary, 21, a Far Cry fan since 2007, decided to purchase Primal after hearing about the new features.

“They’re (Ubisoft) pretty good at convincing me and I have a friend that talked to me about Far Cry Primal. He told me a lot of interesting things about it. It was about the same as Far Cry, although it wasn’t just about the guns. I’m very medieval with arrows and stuff,” McCrary said.

The former leader and face of

web series Inside Gaming on Machinima, an internet platform which develops content aimed towards gamers, Adam Kovic pointed out similarities Ubisoft’s Far Cry shares with one of Bethesda’s Games Studio hit titles. During an interview at Gamescom Conference with then Far Cry 3 producer Dan Hay in August 2012, Kovic described Far Cry 3 as The Elder Scrolls: Skyrim with guns. Despite the internet’s mockery of the quote, the comparison held true.

Longtime Far Cry fan sophomore Josh Cross remained poised to see how Primal handled the features.

“They’ve brought something new every year. It’s kind of like a Grand Theft Auto feel, but I’m excited for the prehistoric ages and taming animals. It seems cool,” Cross said.

Despite fans’ anticipation, several video game reviews criticize Far Cry Primal’s lack of in-depth storytelling, bland villains and repetitive gameplay, but still praised the piece for offering an authentic experience.

The proto-Indo-European (a proposed common-origin language spoken by early humans) dialect put together by University of Kentucky Professors Brenna Reinhart Byrd and Andrew Miles Byrd is used by Far Cry Primal characters. This adds to Primal’s authenticity, according to Washington Post reporter Christopher Byrd.

Despite these unique features, Primal’s preorders lacked sufficient numbers to hold a midnight launch event in Maryville. Far Cry Primal’s new features may not offer enough incentive for potential buyers to keep up the chase with its predecessors.

However, Primal’s venture into a prehistoric setting offers a fresh change for a market packed with shooters and high-fantasy hack and slash games.

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## THE STROLLER: Your Woman needs her space

Often times, a woman (or a man) can go through a period where he or she questions the relationship and wonders if it was the best decision to be involved intimately with another person.

This is not a bad thing. Ultimately, a relationship has to be about what is best for both parties. Each partner should have the opportunity to evaluate the relationship and determine if it is truly making him or her happy.

Sometimes, people need a little space and quiet time to reflect on this decision.

More than sometimes, the opposite partner has a panic attack thinking he or she is about to be dumped.

Freeze. Take a deep breath. Keep reading.

Space allows your partner to evaluate his or her feelings and evaluate the past. Hovering over your significant other and smothering him or her thinking you will win your partner back is actually just pushing your cutie away. Your partner needs to know you respect him

or her enough to make decisions.

Now, this reevaluation of the relationship can lead to two things. The first is the ideal outcome. Your partner realizes he or she still care about you deeply and wants to continue to see you and build a future.

The alternative is less romantic, but it is still extremely important. Your partner may decide he or she do not see a future with you and wants to terminate the relationship.

Keep in mind, even if you didn’t break up, it would not have been fair to either of you to stay in the relationship. Your partner would be unhappy and you would be lied to and lead on by someone who no longer cared for you in a romantic way.

Space and reevaluation are important to every relationship and makes sure both parties are happy and getting what they want.

Thirsty Bearcats, give your partner the space he or she need to decide if the relationship is worth saving.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*





Members of the boys basketball team exchange hugs and smiles after clinching the district title against East Buchanan. Spoofhounds defeated the Bulldogs 48-44.

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“To get a foul and the basket right there, that’s big and changes the momentum back our way,” Dunlap said. “My defender went over to help (Jackson Golightly), I cut, got the ball, they all collapsed and I just finger-rolled it in.”

Shortly after Dunlap’s action, freshman Elijah Dowis hit a three pointer to give Maryville a 42-37

lead.

“His confidence is impressive for a freshman,” Stoecklein said. “I would think most freshmen would be nervous to turn the ball over, but he has done well the last few games. He has handled the pressure pretty well.”

The Spoofhounds led 44-42 entering the final 1:22. Junior Jackson Golightly, Zimmerman, and Dowis went 4-for-6 from the free throw line during this time.

East Buchanan had the ball trail-

ing 47-44 during the final 30 seconds, but failed to earn a game-tying three point shot, securing the championship win for the Spoofhounds.

“To beat a team like that on their home field is pretty impressive,” Stoecklein said. “We were able to handle the pressure.”

The Spoofhounds made eight three pointers in the game, accounting for half of the points scored.

“That doesn’t surprise me because we have five or six kids out there who can shoot,” Stoecklein

said. “But in this type of game, I’m still impressed we were able to do that.”

Zimmerman led the team scoring twelve points within the game. Nine points came from behind the arc.

“(Zimmerman) took over,” Stoecklein said. “He took care of the basketball and he did a great job. He’s the one kid, when we’re in a battle, we look and him and say, ‘OK, take over. Calm this team down.’”

The Spoofhounds have the chance to play at Mizzou Arena with a victory over Lawson in Excelsior Springs March 2, followed by a victory against Boonville or Barstow in Lee’s Summit March 5.

“We take it one day at a time,” Dunlap said. “We are worried about the game at hand. We want to see how far we can go from here.”

The results of the March 2 matchup against Lawson were not known at the time of publication.

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Along with a two game winning streak under Scheel, the Bearcats closed the final week with a seven-point loss to No. 7 Missouri Western and a six-point loss to No. 22 Emporia State.

Those two games bring the motivation needed for the returning players in the offseason.

“It starts within our locker room,” freshman guard Macy Williams said. “Not worrying about anything regarding outside influences. We have to stick together and creating a family atmosphere like we’ve started this season.”

No decision has been made on the future position of head coach.

According to Scheel, a meeting will take place between himself and the Northwest Administration in the next couple of weeks.

No other information has been released.

Regardless of what the past held or future now holds, Williams feels it benefited her team.

“I don’t see it as a terrible thing,” Williams said. “We grew a lot as a team on and off the court and it’ll build us up going into next season. The hunger and fire that we can prove people wrong will make us stronger.”

MEN  
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However, during the last eight years, Washburn is the only No.1 to capture the tournament title.

Last year, Pittsburg State went on an emphatic run and won four games in a row to win the tournament title as the No. 4 seed.

“We don’t really put too much into the history of who’s done what,” McCollum said. “Usually the best team will win and the team that gets hot at the right time. I think you haven’t seen a lot of one seeds win it is because the balance of our conference and how good every team is, top to bottom.”

Heading into the tournament, the Bearcats are riding a 12-game winning streak, with their last defeat occurring Jan. 13 against Emporia State.

The win streak is a good sign for Northwest’s chances. If the Bearcats hope to lock up a second MIAA Championship this season, they will ultimately have to piece together three straight wins to be declared the



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Freshman guard Macy Williams drives to the basket against Southwest Baptist.

tournament champion.

One key statistical advantage the Bearcats have among potential teams they could face is their ability to make 3-point shots. Each of the starters average at least 41 percent from 3-point range. Northwest is third in the conference in 3-point percentage and is first in made 3-point baskets.

The Bearcats will either face No.9 seed Lindenwood Friday. Lindenwood (16-13, 11-11 MIAA) defeated No. 8 Pittsburg State in the first round Tuesday night. The Bearcats split both of their games against Lindenwood, winning the latter contest in a 75-73 nailbiter at home.

After losing to Lindenwood Dec. 20, the Bearcats enjoyed a mid season surge and went on to win 16 of the next 17 games to close out the regular season.

Having already locked up the MIAA regular season title, Northwest had the opportunity to hit cruise control during its last two games, but the team did the complete opposite. The Bearcats sur-

vived a second-half collapse to beat Emporia State last Wednesday and dismantled Southwest Baptist on senior day Saturday.

Tuesday, the MIAA released the all-conference team and four Northwest players received honors. Sophomore guard Justin Pitts was named MIAA player of the year after averaging 20.8 ppg and 4.8 apg. Senior guard Conner Crooker made the All-MIAA Second Team. Schneider made the All-MIAA Third Team.

Sophomore forward Chris Ndw received honorable mention. The newcomer from Norway overcame an early-season shooting slump to become a prominent contributor down the stretch for the Bearcats.

In addition, McCollum received MIAA Coach of the Year after leading Northwest to its third straight MIAA regular season championship. Under McCollum’s tutelage, the Bearcats have compiled a record of 136-69.

The Bearcats will face Lindenwood at 6 p.m. March 4 at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri.

PEREZ  
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Perez first signed with the Royals in 2007 at the age of 16. His first contract with the Royals was \$65,000. The Royals called up Perez to the majors for the first time Aug. 10, 2011. He picked off two baserunners and caught five popups. Both were uncommon occurrences for the Royals that season. Perez worked his way up through the organization from there. He missed the first half of the 2012 season due to an injured meniscus.

Perez earned an All-Star Game appearance in 2013. He was the

catcher for Mariano Rivera in Rivera’s final All-Star game before retirement. Perez was also awarded his first of three Gold Glove awards. Perez started for 143 regular season games in 2014. With playoffs, he played in 150 games altogether.

Perez singled down the left field line in the bottom of the 12th inning of the American League preseason game, bringing in the winning run. Perez hit a homerun off of 2014 MVP Madison Bumgarner, representing the only run Bumgarner gave up in his 36 innings pitched. Coincidentally, Perez was the last Royal to get called out in the 2014 World Series.



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Sophomore Morgan McCormick jumps over hurdles during track and field practice.

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# Individuals finished high at the Indoor Championships

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The MIAA Indoor Championships wrapped up last weekend as Northwest finished with high results in multiple events across the board.

The men and women both finished seventh. Though the entire team did not have a particularly stellar performance, individually it was exactly what the doctor ordered.

“I think overall we were happy with the effort that was given this weekend,” graduate assistant Joel Allen said. “For the most part, things went well. I think the thing we took away most this weekend is just a complete meet from everyone.”

On the men’s side, distance runner Ryan Cox finished third in the mile with a time of 4:13.92. Joe Anger competed in the same event, finishing seventh with a 4:18.78 run.

Wick Cunningham was able to put together an 8:29.25 time in the 3K to give him the third place medal. Nolan Zimmer crossed the finish line less than a second behind him with an 8:30.12 time, receiving fourth. Zimmer also finished the 5K in 14:36.26, taking home third.

Dallas Steiner continued the momentum with a fourth place finish in the 600 yard finishing at 1:11.29, a personal record.

“Men’s distance crew did a really good job this weekend,” Allen said.

Kaleb Mather also stepped up big time for the team, filling in for Zac Bendrick and throwing 16.90 meters, giving him the third place finish.

The women’s side was equally productive. Chloe Wichmann finished the 600 meter run in 1:23.73, the best overall time, giving her the gold. Emma Taylor competed in the same event in 1:26.88, receiving ninth.

Hailey Manning ran the 800 meter in

2:18.42, the sixth best of the day. Melissa Shepherd brought some much valued points to the team with her 5:20.09 finish in the one mile.

“I think on the women’s side we did just about as good as we possibly could,” Allen said. “I think there were just a lot of good performances.”

Chloe Wichmann, Audrey Wichmann and Selina Kendall all placed in the high jump as well. Freshman Audrey Wichmann matched her sister, senior Chloe Wichmann with a 5-foot 5-inch jump. Chloe was able to grab fifth as Audrey finished eighth. The girls did not receive the same finish because of misses by Audrey earlier in the event.

“It’s great when a freshman can come out and have an impact performance,” Allen said. “For them to contribute is a huge boost and a confidence builder moving forward.”

Being a freshman in a high stakes event means lots of pressure, but Audrey was just glad to be there.

“I’m really happy and proud of the entire team,” Audrey said. “It’s such a competitive atmosphere and it’s just great to be a part of it. It’s really great to be up there in the competition and know that I can be in those types of situations.”

For Chloe, it was nothing but a dazzling performance once again as she earned the women’s high point award, accumulating 24 points across four events on the weekend. She was also the lone Bearcat to automatically qualify for the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

“Chloe is a tough competitor,” Allen said. “She just always has an intense desire to do her best all the time. That’s great and you want that, and she proved this weekend that she is an elite athlete. A performance like this is something that we would expect from her elite caliber.”

# Freshman leads offensive spark

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According to Northwest Missouri State head softball coach Ryan Anderson, new athletes should be able to contribute immediately.

Four games into the start of the 2016 season, freshman Alexis Kelsey made her mark by hitting



four home runs during the Arkansas-Monticello 8-State Classic opening weekend. Just like that, expectations met reality.

“She is a kid that you can tell likes to play the game,” Anderson said. “She enjoys herself on the field and she enjoys herself in practice. Those are the kind of kids you want and you hope that enthusiasm carries throughout the year.”

The enjoyment Anderson spoke of manifested in the form of a team-leading batting average of .444. Four weeks after the beginning of the season, Kelsey also leads the team in both home runs and RBIs.

Kelsey has played a significant role in Northwest’s 10-2 start.

While one player does not necessarily make a team, she is surely the product of a cohesive unit. The timeliness of Kelsey’s quality of play definitely helps the team head in the desired direction.

Specifically, it is Kelsey’s aggressiveness at the plate allowing her to get off to such an efficient start. Like any other sport, the ability to make contact with the ball requires a significant amount of practice.

“During the week, we take a lot of cuts so I usually get my work in inside,” Kelsey said. “When we do get a chance to go outside, that’s when I can see where the balls are going.”

Her enthusiasm, coupled with her unselfishness, has allowed Kelsey to fit perfectly with the style of the team. That, and the fact she comes from a baseball family.

“My dad was my coach growing up,” Kelsey said. “Him coming to all of my games is a little extra motivation.”

Along with her 16 hits, Kelsey has also registered 12 runs. According to Kelsey, that is one area she wishes to continue to excel in as the season progresses.

“For the rest of the season, I just want to do well and keep my batting average up,” Kelsey said. “Honestly, just hoping everything goes as well as it is now.”



Freshman Alexis Kelsey practices her swing in the batting cages.

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2 Nebraska Kearney

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	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	10-2	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	12-4	0-0
Pittsburg St.....	10-5	0-0
Northeastern St.....	12-7	0-0
Missouri Western.....	10-6	0-0
Emporia St.....	8-7	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	9-10	0-0
Central Missouri.....	7-8	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	6-7	0-0
Washburn.....	4-5	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	6-8	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	5-9	0-0
Lindenwood.....	2-12	0-0
Lincoln.....	0-11	0-0

March 4  
Central Oklahoma at NORTHWEST (DH)

March 5  
Northeastern St. at NORTHWEST (DH)

March 8  
William Jewell at NORTHWEST (DH)



# Senior shortstop sets team’s offensive tone

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Senior shortstop Nick Gotta has staked his claim as one of Bearcat baseball’s leaders on and off the field through his first two seasons at Northwest.



Gotta finished last season with the third best batting average on the team right behind Northwest graduates Paul Johnson and Steven Garber. Gotta has stepped in to fill Johnson and Garber’s role this season.

“I have been trying to pick up where the two seniors left off,” Gotta said. “The coaches try to depend on the older guys to be leaders to the younger guys and help them out.”

Gotta’s .390 batting average marks the highest batting average on the team so far this season. He has 15 RBIs and has scored five runs.

“When his turn comes up to plate, a lot of guys gain confidence because he is a senior with experience and success,” assistant coach Mike Creason said. “It helps get a lot of the guys he is around more comfortable.”

Gotta transferred to Northwest from Fullerton Community College. His time at Fullerton gave him the chance to fully develop himself within the area of baseball.

“I loved playing there,” Gotta said. “My freshman year we won our conference and went to the state title game. It was a great transition to get me to Northwest. I got out here and really tried to step up and be a leader.”

Baseball has been a major part of Gotta’s family. His oldest brother plays within the Tampa Bay Rays organization while his youngest plays at Fullerton.

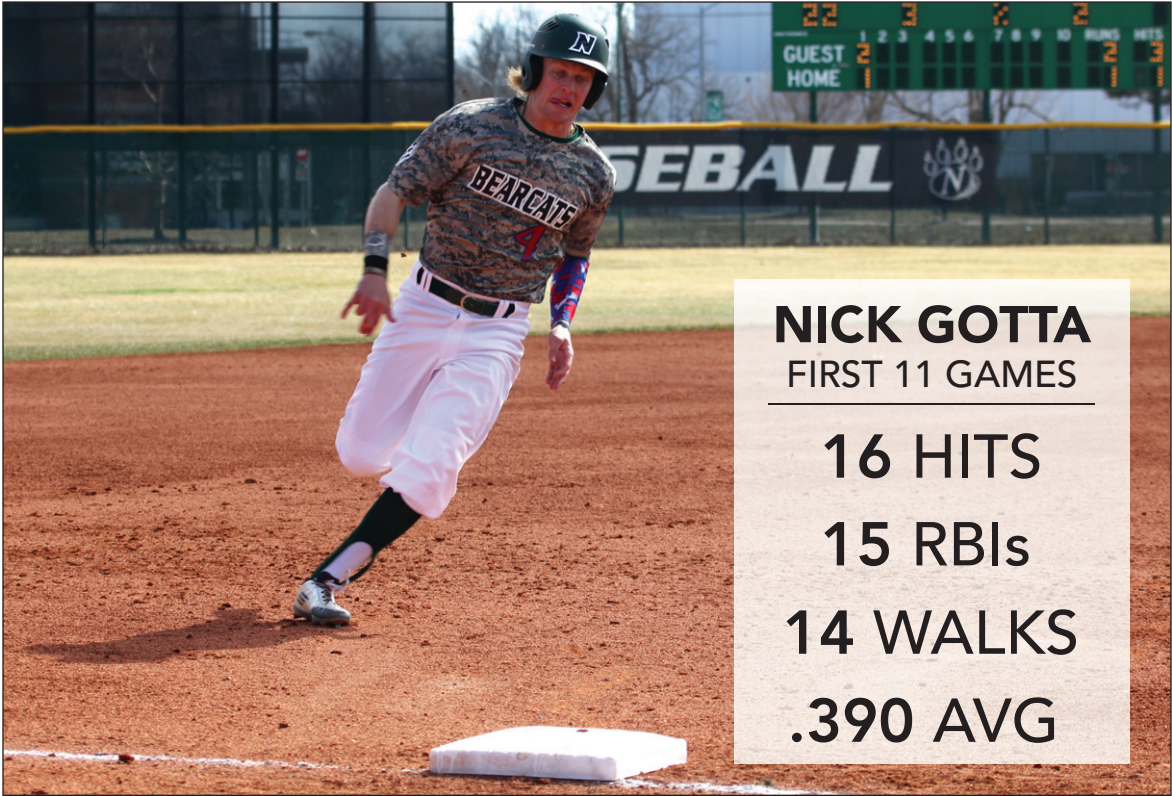
“My family has always been an athletic family,” Gotta said. “My brothers and I played football, baseball, and basketball when we were little. It just turned out we all fell in love with baseball.”

Gotta has looked up to his eldest brother for support on and off the field throughout his career. Gotta has returned the favor guiding his younger teammates.

“As leaders on the team, we try to help the younger kids in the physical aspect and mental sides of the game with composure and confidence,” Gotta said. “We want to inspire them to know they can be as great at baseball as they want to be.”

Gotta also accredits the team’s development to the coaching staff, specifically head coach Darin Loe.

“When I met coach Loe, he was happy to have me and everybody else that came in that year,” Gotta said.



**NICK GOTTA**  
FIRST 11 GAMES

16 HITS

15 RBIs

14 WALKS

.390 AVG

Senior shortstop Nick Gotta rounds third base Sunday, Feb. 28, against Northeastern State. The Bearcats lost 9-2.

“He really takes you in and makes you feel a part of the Northwest family. That is the greatest thing about Northwest. Through all athletic programs and all the students and faculty, it is just one big family.”

Gotta’s leadership combines with the coaching staff to develop the team on the field.

“We want to prove Northwest is a good baseball organization. Baseball is not like football where you can get

all hyped up. In baseball, you want to stay relaxed at what you are doing.

The coaching staff says each aspect of Gotta’s leadership to the team has proven to be successful.

“A lot of guys gravitated towards him,” Creason said. “He is a vocal leader. He is our hardest worker. Our hardest workers are our best players. He has just kind of led our younger members in that way and turned our program in the right direction.”

The Bearcats are 7-5 in the season. Gotta expects the team to continue to develop into a winning one.

“We have been really happy with our performance,” Gotta said. “We have started to come into our own. We are getting used to playing out there. We are happy and ready to make a run at this conference title. That is our goal. Our goal is to go all the way to winning the conference title.”



Senior Alvaro Riveros works on his forehand during practice Tuesday, March 1.

# Tennis begins season nationally ranked

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Experience will be the engine behind this year’s Northwest men’s and women’s tennis teams as the men will be returning six athletes and the women will bring back five.

Both teams know what it takes to be successful. The men have advanced to the NCAA National tournament the last four years in a row. The women advanced to the national tournament last season, the first time since 2009.

This year, the men come into preseason ranked No.14 in the country. The women are ranked No. 4 in the region.

Having postseason experience will pay dividends later on when the matches get even tougher and the athletes need guidance more than ever.

“This year, we will be able to rely on those players more,” graduate assistant Lluís Altimires said. “These past couple years, the teams have been getting stronger and stronger. All these players have already been there in those big tournaments.”

Some of those players include Senior Alvaro Riveros, a 2014 all-conference first team selection,

Junior Romain Boissinot, the 2015 MIAA Player of the year and sophomore Mauro Tete, a second team all-conference doubles player. These are just three of the returning weapons for the men’s side.

On the women’s side, there are two returning juniors, Aniek Kolen and Lorena Rivas Jarolim, both earning MIAA Player of the week in 2015. Another player the Bearcats will be relying on is sophomore Margaux Jacquet, last year’s All-MIAA honorable mention.

“We have some great players returning from last year,” Jacquet said. “The more experience we have, the better we are on the courts.”

The veteran players will be called upon now to help acquaint these new international athletes so that when the season gets tough, they know that there is someone always there for them.

A word that may very well be the backbone to Northwest athletics is “family.” For the tennis program, the family focus is taken to a whole new level. Coach Mark Rosewell has recruited players from all over the globe including Germany, Costa Rica, France, Argentina, Brazil, Spain, Mexico and the Netherlands.

“We all come from different cul-

tures, but we are all here to support each other,” Tete said. “I think everyone is in the same situation and we help each other out and make good friendships.”

Graduate assistant Altimires, from Terrassa, Spain, enjoys the relationships built at Northwest through the family motto. He knows how important that word is to all Bearcat athletes.

“I think this is one of Northwest’s strong points,” Altimires said. “People really care about you. The community cares about you, the students that don’t play athletics support the teams as well.”

Rosewell is entering his 32nd season of coaching here at Northwest and has seen his teams grow closer and closer during his time here.

“We’ve always coined it as a family type thing,” Rosewell said. “I always feel like it’s been that way with all the international players being far away from home.”

After the men’s and women’s performances on Wednesday, the teams travel to Nebraska to face Colorado Mesa University Friday followed by St. Cloud State University Saturday. The women get an extra duel against Augustana at 11 a.m. Sunday in St. Joseph.

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

## SPOOFHOUNDS



Justin Pitts

Sarah Baldwin

John Zimmerman

Jackson Golightly



The sophomore guard was named the MIAA Player of the Year earlier this week. He is the sixth Bearcat to be named conference MVP. He has scored in double figures all 26 games this season and has scored 20+ points 16 times.

The senior pitcher picked up her third career complete game shutout in a 6-0 victory against McKendree. She surrendered just two hits while striking out a career-best 12. She retired 18-straight batters in the heart of the game.

The junior finished with 12 points against East Buchanan in the Class three District 16 tournament. Nine of his 12 points came from three-point shots.

The junior finished with 11 points against East Buchanan in the Class three District 16 championship. Golightly made three out of his four free throws.





Senior guard Connor Crooker looks for an open teammate against Lincoln University Thursday, Feb. 4. Northwest won the contest 86-61.

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# Northwest prepares for MIAA tournament

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Under head coach Ben McCollum, the Northwest men’s basketball team has won three MIAA regular season titles and made two Sweet 16 appearances; however, winning the MIAA tournament is something the team



has not been able to do during McCollum’s tenure.

Last year, the Bearcats won the MIAA regular season championship, but fell to eventual tournament champion Pittsburg State in the semifinals.

“It hasn’t been great losing in the semifinals the last few years,” junior forward Zach Schneider said. “We proved we’re the best team in the

conference in the regular season, we just got to go prove it one more time in Kansas City. We’ll have some really good crowds down there, so it’ll be a great atmosphere.”

Similar to last year, Northwest (22-5,19-3 MIAA) will enter this year’s MIAA tournament as the No. 1 seed and heavy favorites to cut down the nets. The Bearcats won 19 conference games to tie a MIAA

record. Even though the Bearcats closed out the regular season in an incredible fashion, McCollum says seeding does not matter and all the records are thrown out.

“I think teams can gear up for three games,” McCollum said. “(For) three days, you just have to focus and be at a high level. I don’t think most teams can focus for 22 games. Mentally tough teams win

regular season championships. I think you have to be mentally tough to win in the postseason, but a lot of teams can gear up for three games.”

Since 1981, No. 1 seeds have compiled a record of 58-20 and 15 tournament championships.

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# Maryville crowned district champ

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The Maryville boys basketball team aims for a state championship after becoming the Class 3 District 16 Champion.



Maryville had thoughts of the 2015 district semifinal loss to East Buchanan in the back of its head all season long.

The Spoofhounds avenged this loss with a 48-44 victory on East Buchanan’s home court in the district championship.

“To come here and beat them in districts on their home court, it is a great feeling,” senior Chip Dunlap said.

Maryville led in every minute of the game up to the final two minutes of the third quarter where East Buchanan capped off a 11-2 run.

Junior John Zimmerman responded with a three pointer of his own to regain the lead. Maryville gave up the lead again with 4:40 left in the game.

The Spoofhounds were able to win the game because they kept finding ways to respond.

“This season, we’ve had some times where things didn’t go our way,” head coach Matt Stoecklein said. “In situations like that, we freaked out. We didn’t this time. We settled down, we ran something, we got good shots and we made plays.”

Dunlap put up three points to regain the lead with the help of a field goal and free throw shot.

# Women’s season meets disappointing end

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With a disappointing season reaching its conclusion Saturday, the Northwest women’s basketball team can finally look ahead to next season with a future full of optimism.



The Bearcats’ season was marked by turmoil. The team went through two different head coaches and only had three conference victories to show for it.

Few teams in college basketball endured the adversity of a season quite like the Bearcats.

Northwest (5-23, 3-19) finished the regular season with a loss on senior day to Southwest Baptist, 57-49. The outcome confirmed the team’s elimination from the MIAA conference tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, three games prior.

“It was a battle,” interim head coach Buck Scheel said. “With this team, it seemed like it showed up ready for battle almost every game, as well as everyday in practice. If we were able to get a few wins early in conference play, who knows what the outcome could have been.”

Instead, the Bearcats lost the first two conference games by a combined 70 points on their way to losing 11 in a row.

“It felt like it was a tough uphill climb,” Scheel said. “I wouldn’t say we ever got to the top of the hill or got over the top of the hill,

but I think climbing definitely took place.”

The climb began Jan. 1 when Northwest defeated Nebraska-Kearney 62-32 at Bearcat Arena.

The highpoint of the season occurred with back-to-back wins at home against Lincoln, 73-63, and Lindenwood, 66-60.

“We are a really young team,” freshman guard Arbrrie Benson said. “Some of us are new to this league, so just getting used to the style of play was huge. It took us a while to adjust with the coaching situation, but later on in the season we started playing better.”

The head coaching position changed hands in the middle of the season when third year head coach Michael Smith unexpectedly resigned Dec. 16. A player who refused to be named confirmed Smith served a two-game suspension prior to leaving for “personal reasons.” The source also confirmed Smith pushed a player, which resulted in his suspension.

Scheel was then elevated to the position of head coach on an interim basis.

“When you’re put in that situation you really don’t have a choice,” Scheel said. “Sometimes that’s the best way to handle something is to just be thrown in the fire. It wasn’t easy, but the girls believing in me and trusting me gave me that added confidence.”

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Senior Tember Schechinger, junior Shelby Mustain and senior Taylor Shull shed tears during Northwest’s last home game in Bearcat Arena Saturday, Feb. 27.

# Perez receives well-deserved extension

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Chief Sports Reporter

The Kansas City Royals signed catcher Salvador Perez to a five-year \$52.5 million contract that will begin



during the 2017 season assuring the all-star will remain a Royal through the 2021 season.

Perez is entering the final season a five-year \$7 million contract signed before the 2012 season. The new contract guarantees Perez \$3 million in 2017, \$7.5 million in 2018, \$10 million in 2019 and \$13 million in 2020 and 2021. Perez will be 31 years old following the 2021

season.

The deal is long-coming for Perez. Being the catcher, Perez finds himself getting beat up the most. Perez played in 142 out of the 162 regular season games in 2015.

Perez also played in every single playoff game leading up to the World Series Championship.

Perez was given the title of World Series MVP.

He has a Royals World Series Champion tattoo on his bicep.

Even if the Royals did not resign him for some reason, he would have truly been forever Royal, representing his commitment and passion to the organization.

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